

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 20, 2022

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Mark Dyel opened in prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Marci Glover, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Robby Cockrum and Mark Dyel. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Negotiation Matters

Executive Session – Mark Dyel made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Negotiation Matters. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:02 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:55 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Board members absent: Mark Dyel, Shane Cockrum, and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Student Council Representative; and Dwayne Williams, Community Member.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2021

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2021

E-Learning Plan Hearing Minutes, December 16, 2021

Tax Levy Hearing (Truth in Taxation) Minutes, December 16, 2021

5.2 Approve Financial Report (December 2021)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (December 2021)

5.4 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 108

5.5 Approve Girls Basketball Game at Poplar Bluff, MO January 29, 2022

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robby Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Press Plus Issue 108 has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Adaptive Pause
- Lawsuit against 145 School Districts
- School Maintenance Grants
- School Construction Grants
- Board Policy/Sex Education Curriculum
- Tax Appeals
- Dissolution of Benton Auxiliary Officers
- Curriculum Meetings

Mr. Thomas commented on the following:

- Current enrollment-555
- Attendance improving after adaptive pause

Mr. Miller gave updates on the following:

- Current sport seasons
- Coaches Meetings & Professional Development
- Policy/Practice/Recognition

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Dwayne Williams asked about the RF signals in the school with the increase in wireless devices. He also provided a book to assist with the process in decision making and the health of the students.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Kenise Head as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Marci Glover made a motion to approve the leave request from Aaron Robinson as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Victoria Jackson from her position as 21st Century Grant Site Coordinator as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Marci Glover made a motion to assign Whitney Winemiller as the 21st Century Grant Site Coordinator for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robby Cockrum made a motion to authorize the administration to post the following positions as available: Teacher Aide for the 21-22 School Year, English Teacher for the 22-23 School Year, Special Education Teacher for the 22-23 School Year, Alternative Education Teacher for the 22-23 School Year, Math/Science Teacher for the 22-23 School Year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve 2021-2022 Amended School Calendar Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the amended 2021-22 School Calendar as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this calendar has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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9.4 Review/Approve Waiving Semester Exam Exemption Policy for Second Semester Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve waiving the semester exam exemption policy for second semester of the 2021-22 school year as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Project Specifications and Authorize to Give Notice of Invitation to Let Bids for RHG Bleacher Replacement Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the project specifications as presented and authorize the administration to give notice of invitation to let bids for the RHG Bleacher replacement. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Long Term Substitute Pay Proposal Robby Cockrum made a motion to approve the proposal for long term substitute teacher pay as presented for Bernard Page during Jennie Gibbs' maternity leave. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Jersey Retirement Proposal Marci Glover made a motion to approve the retirement of Bruce Baker's jersey. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Marci Glover commented on how nice it was to hear our students singing the national anthem at the basketball games.

11. ADJOURNMENT Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY